



The Mordialloc Bulletin

News and Views of the
Rotary Club of Mordialloc

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Club meets at Woodlands Golf Club
109 White Street Mordialloc
Melways Map 87 H 11
Tuesday 6.00 pm for 6.30 pm

Meeting 2236
30 January
2018

District Governor 2017-18: Malcolm Chiverton

Assistant Governor: Ken Mirams

THIS WEEK'S MEETING Partners' night

Speaker:	Councillor Steve Staikos, Mayor City of Kingston
Topic:	Update on Council Activities
Chairman:	Brian Foley
Desk & Regalia:	Don Van, Rob Goode
Fellowship:	Ernie Williams
Bulletin notes:	Carol Quayle



RI theme 2017-18

Message from President Paul Taranto

Hello everyone and welcome to our twenty seventh meeting for the 2017-2018 year. Before I go much further I would like to thank everyone involved with last week's Club meeting. It was fortunate for us all that Glenyse Cooper and Don Van arranged for Tony Currie to come along and speak at the Club. We were all given a special insight into the sacrifices and issues that people such as Tony have to deal with whilst going about their roles in protecting our community. Whether it's members of the Special Operations Group, paramedics, police, doctors and nurses in the emergency department, fire fighters, members of the SES and the list goes on, those that deal with the brutal realities with everyday life deserve our thanks and recognition. It was especially pleasing then that we had the Hampton and Beaumaris Rotary Clubs join us last week to hear Tony's story. Thank you to David Brunt for juggling the numbers and the meal preferences.

I trust everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Australia Day long weekend holiday. I am writing this on the Sunday shortly after my return from an enjoyable two days at Arthur's seat. Whilst at Arthur's seat I visited two attractions that got me thinking about trust. The first attraction was Heronswood, a beautiful heritage home with magnificent gardens (if you have not visited it I highly recommend it). I was curious as to who was responsible for caring for and presenting this remarkable property.

After talking to some of the folks working there I learnt it was owned by the "Diggers Garden and Environmental Trust". This trust also looks after two other properties in Victoria (at Olinda and Blackwood). Because the Trust was created and exists these properties will be there for many generations to come to enjoy and experience.

The second attraction I saw was the Auto Museum just past the Sea Wind gardens. This attraction is run by what looked to me a family with the patriarch doing it because he gets joy from it. It is a marvellous collection of cars and memorabilia that probably does not have a rival in Australia. I wondered however what will happen to this collection when the patriarch moves on. Will the museum still be there in ten, twenty years? If you are into cars I certainly recommend a visit sooner rather than later.

Returning back to the concept of trust, the Rotary Foundation is an example of the embodiment of trust. The funds that Rotarians provide the Foundation are given in trust that they will be used to achieve the objectives of Rotary. The Foundation is a vehicle through which our intentions to provide service above ourselves can continue for many years to come.

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With this in mind I was pleased for us to welcome our two newest Centurions, Trina and Ernie Williams. If a member would like to know more about becoming a Centurion then please contact Jack Cooper.

I repeat my thanks for what club members have done and continue to do each day in **Making a Difference**.

Yours in Rotary

Paul



Club Meeting No 2235 – 23 January at Woodlands Golf Club, Mordialloc.

Attendance: 18 members, 22 visiting Rotarians, 8 guests

Apologies: Kelly Banks, Jill Brear, Jeff Needham, Graeme Bruce, Trina Williams

Visiting Rotarians: 19 from RC Hampton, 4 from RC Beaumaris, Peter Read (RC Turramurra, NSW)

Guests: Tony Currie (guest speaker), Michelle Currie, Sarah Wich (exchange student), Helen Brunt, Helen Goode, Kathy Thompson, Geoff Hillard, Diotima (Len Dawson's niece from Stuttgart, Germany)

Make-ups: Carol Quayle (ROMAC).

Sickness: Len Brear is recovering from a foot operation

Travellers: President Paul spent the weekend in Brisbane for his brother-in-law's 70th birthday.

President's Announcements

President Paul welcomed members, visiting Rotarians and guests. He then gave the following announcements:

- The next board meeting has been brought forward to 7 February.
- Nominations are open for the District Nominating Committee for 2020-21 (closing 16 February) and for the Governor Nominee for that year
- More flyers are available for distribution to shops and businesses.
- A Rotary mentoring program for Ambulance Victoria, similar to that for the police, is proposed by District 9810. Applications close 25 February
- The Gnome and Fairy Committee was to meet the following evening

- The District 9810 welcome home dinner for returning youth exchange students will be held on Thursday 24 February.
- Next week's speaker is the Mayor, City of Kingston, Cr. Steve Staikos.

Ernie Williams chaired the remainder of the meeting

Director and Member Announcements

Secretary *Carol* has received a thank you letter from Lucy Tsuchida, who the club sponsored to the NYSF in 2017 and who attended the 2018 seminar as a staff member. The letter is at the end of this bulletin.

Sylvio Tang (International) advised that the club board had approved the following at the recent meeting:

- Donation of \$2000 to the Vietnam Volunteers Resource Centre for continuation of the nurse training program
- Commencement of a water supply project at the Brother Beausang School in Kenya

Brian Foley (community) advised that the half-year contribution has been paid to Salvation Army, Kingston Gardens for the Tuesday meal and support service.

Jack Cooper presented a Centurion Club badge to Ernie Williams

Kathy Pyziakos reminded that some places were still available for the Dans le Noir dinner on 2 February.

Kay Gordon organised the weekly raffle with four prizes that raised \$94. Winners were Rob Goode, two visitors from Hampton and one from Beaumaris.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Sergeant Cliff, commenting on the hot weather, decided that any non-swimmers and non-public transport users were good for a fine. Sporting fines including those of British heritage and St Kilda supporters. Kay had attended "Opera in the Alps" despite the weather and Keith Carpenter was happy that all six Parkdale United cricket teams had won the previous week.

Guest Speaker – Tony Currie "Special Operations Group, Victoria Police"

Tony is now retired from the police force after being a member of the Special Operations Group (SOG) of Victoria Police for over 20 years. SOG was first formed in the 1970s under direction of then Chief Commissioner Mick Miller. Its purpose was to be an anti-terrorist unit and to assist other specialist groups such as major crime and homicide. It can be used only at the direction of the Chief Commissioner or a Deputy Commissioner.

Tony's presentation covered the extensive training provided for group members and reference to some operations in which he had been involved. Due to the nature of the material presented, Tony asked that this report be in general terms only with no details or photographs that might identify persons.

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Tony Currie continued

Training to become a member of SOG is very rigorous three-month course and follows after normal police training and 18 months of normal policing. When Tony did the SOG training, there were 66 applicants and only six passed the course. Some specific aspects include:

- Weapons training
 - High degree of physical fitness is required
 - Counter terrorism
 - Self-defence and close personal protection
 - Reconnaissance planning
 - Arrest techniques
 - Abseiling / fast roping from a helicopter
 - Bushcraft
 - Bomb disposal
- Training is provided to cover a wide range of scenarios likely to be encountered.
- Training also involves liaison with the military SAS, other police agencies and some overseas organisations.

Some of the specific roles undertaken by different SOG members include:

- Bomb squad – a high risk job
- Assault team
- Sniper wing to provide protection and cover for assault teams.
- Planning and reconnaissance

Tony then described some actual operations in which he had been involved including a major drug bust, break up of a bikie gang and the follow up to police shootings. These operations involved very careful planning to pinpoint the right location and individuals. In such major operations, the criminal involved often were aware that they were being pursued and had taken extensive defence arrangements.

The SOG members form a very close knit unit with a strong bond of comradeship to support each other. Tony commented that police support, debriefing and counselling resources could be improved. In retirement, he is now a member of a committee providing peer support for serving police members.

Tony then responded to a number of questions from the audience covering the traumatic affects on current and past police officers, the Sydney cafe siege and debriefing after operations.

Jack Pyziakos proposed the vote of thanks

A thought for the week

“Make the most of the best and the least of the worst”

- Robert Louis Stevenson, Scottish writer and poet

SUMMARY OF COMING EVENTS

Please note the following dates and events in your diary. It is important that all members support the club in these activities.

2 Feb (Fri)	Dans le Noir dinner at The Como Melbourne. 7.30 pm. \$90 per head
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7 Feb (Wed)	Board meeting. Taranto house. 7.30 pm. Note date change
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14 Feb (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm
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28 Feb (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm
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2 – 4 March 2018 (Fri–Sun)	District 9810 Conference, Bendigo
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7 Mar (Wed)	Gnome & Fairy Festival committee meeting. 7.30 pm
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18 March 2018 (Sun)	Gnome & Fairy Festival George Woods Reserve, Mordialloc
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2 April (Easter Mon)	Bunnings Mentone sausage sizzle 8 am to 4 pm
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Members on Leave

Kelly Banks - 16 January to 20 March
Jill Brear – 16 January to 13 February
If you plan to be absent for three weeks or longer, please request leave of absence through the secretary.

Bayside Kingston Prostate Cancer Support Group

WHEN: First Monday of each month

TIME: 9.30 to 11.30am

WHERE: Mentone RSL
Palermo Street, Mentone
Melways Map 87 A8

Wives and Partners welcome, bookings not required
For further information contact Bob Wilson 9589 4282

Apologies for non- attendance

Apologies for meeting absences should be advised to **David Brunt**. These can be by telephone or text to **0418526140 no later than 1.00 pm on Monday before the meeting**. Names of any guests can also be advised at this time.

Wheelchairs for Kids

Please remember to put \$2 in the box on each table each week to go to the “Wheelchairs for Kids” program. Every \$150 contributed gives one child the freedom of mobility and also liberates a carer

Friday 2 February at 7.30 pm
Dans le Noir ? at The Como Melbourne

This is a chance to enjoy fine dining completely in the dark as a blind person
Cost: \$90 per head plus drinks
Please confirm your booking to Kathy Thompson (Pyziakos) as soon as possible.

“Please note that this experience is a unique meeting with diversity, a visually-impaired member of our staff will take care of your table.

Forthcoming Meeting Program & Rosters

Next Meeting **Partners night**

Date: 6 February
Speaker: Karen Silcock
Topic: Parkinson's Victoria. Current treatments and future research direction
Chairman: Carol Quayle
Desk & Regalia: David Brunt, Trina Williams
Fellowship: Jeff Needham
Bulletin notes: Glenyse Cooper

And the next.....

Date: 13 February
Speaker: Chris Rae
Topic: Hodges Real Estate
Chairman: Trina Williams
Desk & Regalia: Don Butler, Don Van
Fellowship: George Aivatoglou
Bulletin notes: Carol Quayle

And the next.....

Date: 20 February
Speaker: TBA
Topic:
Chairman:
Desk & Regalia:
Fellowship:
Bulletin notes:

TOASTS

Australia:

Please charge your glasses and assist me in toasting our Great country, Australia. (Pause) to our country: Australia.

Rotary International:

Please drink a toast to our organisation: Rotary International, (pause) Rotary International.

ROTARY INVOCATION:

For good food, for good fellowship and the opportunity for service through Rotary, We give thanks.

The Object of Rotary

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life;

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.

The Rotary Four-Way-Test

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?"

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Beaumaris
23 North Concourse
9589 3294

Mentone
Thrift Park Shopping Centre
9584 3833

Rotary,

I cannot thank you enough
for your help in getting me to
the National Youth Science Forum.

It was truly life changing and I
have once again been changed
since coming back from NYSF 2018
as a Student Staff Member. I wouldn't
be half the person I am today
without you believing in me. Many
many ~~times~~ thanks.

Yours Kindly

Lucy Tsuchida (staffie Lucy)